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WILDFIRES, TORNADOES RAVAGE TEXAS

The Texas A&M Forest Service said the Eastland Complex fire in Eastland County was made up of seven blazes — the Kidd fire, the Blowing Basin fire, the Cedar Mountain fire, the Oak Mott fire, the Wheat Field fire, the Mangum fire and the Walling fire.

The complex fire is burning more than 54,000 acres. It is now 70 percent contained.

These fires have surpassed the Bastrop fires and becomes the largest wildfire in Texas history.

Our profound sympathy to the people there and other counties impacted by these fires. We salute the firefighters, Texas A & M Forest Service, Fire Departments and Emergency Service Districts that have been fighting these fires.



Texas A&M Forest Service is an agency chartered by the Texas Legislature to manage the interests of Texas' forests. The Legislature created the service in 1915. It is a part of the Texas A&M University System and is headquartered in College Station, Texas. [Wikipedia](#)
Founded: 1915
Parent agency: [Texas A&M AgriLife](#)
Jurisdiction: [Texas](#)

IN OTHER NEWS

MEMBERS RECOVERING

Bennie Bock -Bennie was released from the hospital ten days ago as a result of high blood pressure.

Jim Nowlin – The Judge says he is “doing fine. All is well.”

Mark Stiles – Mark says “all is well. No more physical therapy.”

Barry Telford – Barry says he’s “doing better, but progress is slow. Still needs a walker or wheel chair to get around.”

Please let us know of others in our group that may need our thoughts and prayers.

A NEW PLATFORM IS ON THE HORIZON

A subcommittee is looking at a new platform. It is a Google Group called Capitol Group. So far it looks very good. Judge Lee Jackson had very positive comments and Ambassador Untermeyer said “Like in so much else dating back to our House days, I concur with Lee Jackson.” Sen. Moncrief also liked it as did our new member, Rep. Moreno. If you would like to be on the subcommittee please let me know.

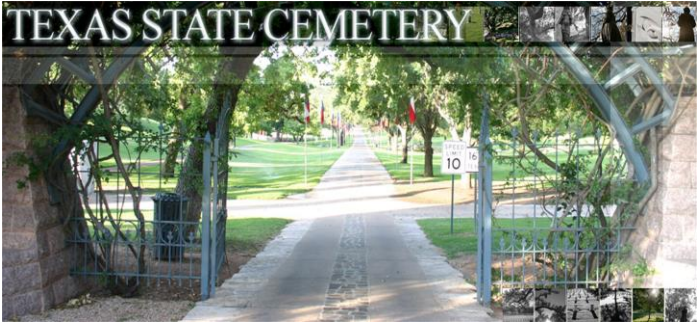
QUOTE FOR THE DAY

"I would say to the House as I have said to those who have joined this government; *I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat...* You ask, what is our policy? I will say: it is to wage war, by sea, land and air, with all our might and with all the strength God can give us... That is our policy. You ask, what is our aim? I can answer in one word: It is victory, victory at all costs, victory in spite of all terror, victory however long and hard the road may be; for without victory there is no survival."

-Winston Churchill – House of Commons, Parliament, United Kingdom, May 13, 1940

IN MEMORIAM

Sam Hudson - Former Texas Rep. Samuel Hudson III who represented Dallas for more than 20 years, dies at 81. His burial is at the Texas State Cemetery Friday, March 25th at 11 a.m. and is open to the public.



<https://blackandclark.com/tribute/current-services/index.html?orderBy=service-date&search=Samuel%20William%20Hudson%20III>


<https://texasmetronews.com/27982/former-texas-state-rep-samuel-william-hudson-iii-passes-away/>

<https://obits.dallasnews.com/us/obituaries/dallasmorningnews/name/samuel-hudson-obituary?id=27408137>

<https://www.dallasnews.com/news/obituaries/2022/03/08/former-texas-rep-samuel-hudson-iii-who-represented-dallas-for-more-than-20-years-dies-at-81/>

MEMBERS WILL PLEASE REGISTER

This is an article by George Dolan that appeared on the front page of the Ft. Worth Star Telegram on Feb. 27, 1985. It concerns opening day in the House; nominating speeches for Speaker and a certain child carefully observing Chairman Evans.



George
DOLAN

*Out of the mouths
of babes oft comes
the perfect squelch*

Texas House Speaker Gib Lewis still giggles about what, to him, was the comic highlight of the opening ceremony when the Legislature convened last month.

It involved Rep. Charles Evans of Hurst and Fort Worth Rep. Mike Millsap's son, Joseph, 3. "Gib has told it to thousands of people in groups across the state," Millsap says.

On opening day, legislators' families join the lawmakers on the floor. Joseph was sitting on his dad's lap.

"Charlie Evans and I have been deskmates every session I've been to," Millsap says, "and Charlie always has had a special relationship with my children."

The small-fry Millsaps watch a TV cartoon show, *He-Man*. He-Man gains superhero powers through lifting his sword and crying, "By the power of Grayskull!"

Evans became aware of the children's interest in that show so, when he was around them, he would wave a fist and cry, "By the power of Charlie!"

That's why, during that opening ceremony, Evans would look over at Joseph every so often, assume a fierce look and shake his fist.

"Joey would cower against me and occasionally look over there and study Charlie," Millsap says.

"This House chamber has an unusual effect on children. It tends to fill them with awe. My older kids told me from time to time they felt like they were in church."

He quickly added: "They were sadly mistaken!"

But Joseph kept peeking timidly over at Evans, who has more hair than skull-topped Skeletor, the bad guy on *He-Man*, but still not a whole lot.

"Finally," Millsap says, "Joseph looked up at me and said, 'Daddy, how come that man doesn't have any fur on his head?'"

"It broke up everybody within about a four-desk radius of ours."

"Charlie was getting ready to go up and make the nomination speech for Gib, and I think it threw him a little off-balance."

So if anyone noticed Evans lifting a fist and shaking it during his speech, it meant only that he was calling on the power of Charlie to see him through.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER



Rep. Alejandro "Alex" Moreno
Hidalgo
1983-1991

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Gib Lewis

Speaker Lewis recently returned from Ethiopia where he hiked ten to fifteen miles a day. As most of you know he is among the most prominent big game hunters in the world. Below is one of the animals he got, a Giant Forest Hog, over 500 lbs.



Kent Hance

As the podcast says, he is The Best Storyteller in Texas!

<https://fb.watch/bL2favqxAH/>

Running for Senate.

<https://fb.watch/bVUTAPgrNu/>

John Sharp

It won't surprise anyone who knows him that Chancellor Sharp has severed all Texas A & M ties with Russia!

Texas A & M Moves to Sever Ties With Russia

<https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Texas-A-M-System-moves-to-sever-ties-with-Russia-16990200.php>

Dan Branch

Dallas Morning News - March 11, 2022

Dan Branch: UNT-Dallas College of Law is already filling a critical need for lawyers

(Dan Branch represented Dallas in the Texas House of Representatives from 2003 to 2015. He and Sen. Royce West were co-authors of the legislation that established UNT-Dallas College of Law.) Last week, the University of North Texas at Dallas College of Law announced it received full accreditation by the American Bar Association. ABA accreditation is a critical win and affirms that UNT-Dallas College of Law is delivering on its promise to provide quality, accessible and affordable legal education that expands access to justice for all Texans. William Shakespeare wrote in Henry VI, "Let's kill all the lawyers," and more than a few Texans might think he was onto something. But in a society built on the rule of law, the legal profession is essential for defending the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Notwithstanding the perception that Texas had too many lawyers, when UNT-Dallas College of Law was created in 2009, the reality was our state did not have enough attorneys. Between 1969 and 2009, Texas' population boomed from 11 million to 25 million and demand for legal services rose. However, in those 40 years, the state of Texas did not create a single new ABA-accredited law school.

North Texas grew to become the nation's largest metropolitan area without a public law school. The bill analysis noted that Texas-trained attorneys were in such short supply that local law firms imported one-third of their lawyers from out-of-state law schools. Moreover, 75% of Texas families who sought legal aid were turned away and 90% of Texans' civil needs were not being met, according to Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht. In 2009, state, local and business leaders came together to create UNT-Dallas College of Law. In the Texas Legislature, a Senate Democrat and a House Republican who each represented downtown Dallas set aside partisan differences to write the legislation that established the school, authorized \$40 million in bonds and provided access to a \$250 million endowment. The city of Dallas donated the Dallas Municipal Building, a beaux-arts landmark, to serve as the campus and pledged \$14 million. The Dallas business community assisted with \$2 million through a public-private partnership. Since its birth, UNT-Dallas College of Law has advanced steadily. In 2013, it brought on farsighted administrators, such as founding dean and retired U.S. District Court Judge W. Royal Furgeson Jr. and Associate Dean Ellen Pryor. In 2014, it began teaching students. In 2017, it received provisional ABA accreditation and graduated its inaugural class. In 2018, it put at the helm Dean Felecia Epps, an inspiring academic, judicial and military trailblazer